

# OTSEGO LAKE ASSOCIATION

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## FINAL MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tillapaugh Funeral Home - Cooperstown  
Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM

### ATTENDANCE

Present: Mickie Richtsmeier (President), Scottie Baker (Vice President and Director/Otsego), Wayne Bunn (Secretary and Director at Large), Paul Lord (Director/Otsego), Bob Sutherland (Director/Springfield), David Sanford (Director/Middlefield), Amanda May (Director/Middlefield), Jim Howarth (Director/Cooperstown), Martin Tillapaugh (Director/Cooperstown and Legal Advisor), Kiyoko Yokota (Technical Advisor), and Tim Pokorny (Webmaster).

Absent: Pati Grady (Treasurer and Director/Springfield), and Debbie Creedon (Director at Large).

Guests: None

**Note:** **MMSP** = Motion Made, Seconded, and Passed

### OPENING

1. Treasurer's Report (Pati via Mickie) – Pati reported via e-mail there is \$5,546.50 in the checking account; \$10,334.50 grant to be received from OCCA shortly for boat washing station. **MMSP** to accept Treasurer's report.
2. Membership Report (Pati) – No report. **MMSP** to spend up to \$150.00 for thank you notes to send to members renewing membership or to those joining for the first time.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. No Wake Zone Buoys and Volunteer Dive Team (Paul) – Jim suggested a new NWZ buoy near start of Susquehanna River; OLA to proceed with "paper work" required by NYS via Otsego Soil & Water Conservation District; **MMSP** for \$3,250 for expenses and supplies for Volunteer Dive Team over the past 2 years (\$1,500 per year plus \$250 for materials).
4. Boat Inspections / Boat Washing Station (Paul) – Facilities and staff ready for Memorial Day opening; dedication of the new boat washing station, to be known as the Carl B. Good Boat Washing Station, will be held in the spring of 2017 (Brookwood Point events and dedication are scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, Cooperstown Rotary Spring Fling is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Otsego Lakes Festival is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>); Mickie will coordinate with Village, OCCA, and Pam Good (with input from BOD) to select specific date.
5. Merchandise (Scottie) – Scottie will determine by next BOB meeting if any merchandise needs to be ordered.
6. Otsego County Water Quality Coordinating Committee (Mickie) – Mickie, Jim, or Kiyoko will try to attend future meetings; Otsego Lakes Festival is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> at Glimmerglass State Park; OLA will be requested to participate.
7. Newsletter – Susan O'Handley will again coordinate the newsletter for a mid-May publication (submit articles to Susan by May 1<sup>st</sup>); articles may include: President's letter (Mickie); boat washing station, proposed NWZ buoy at

Susquehanna, silt loading, invasive species, and fish updates (Paul, Kiyoko, Jim, Tim); merchandise (Scottie), electric boats (Scottie); monitoring buoy (Kiyoko); photos (Tim); annual meeting (Bob); and boat parade (Wayne).

8. Website (Tim) – Everything is up to date and OK.
9. Coordination with Other Organizations: OCCA, Otsego2000, and OLT (Board) – Mickie continues to work with OCCA on grant reimbursement for boat washing station.
10. Boat Parade (Wayne) – Committee will meet in spring to determine specific date, time, etc; date for Cooperstown fireworks has not been set yet, Glimmerglass Festival's Springfield Appreciation Concert is scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 PM; Springfield parade and BBQ/band concert are scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.
11. Annual Meeting (Bob) – Scheduled for Saturday, August 12 at Glimmerglass (Opera) Festival pavilion; committee will meet in February to plan topics and speakers; main topics will be history of former turkey farm (now opera site), Goodyear family contributions, and Goodyear Swamp boardwalk restoration project.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

12. Otsego Lake Boat Inspection Stickers and Boater Safety Pamphlets (Wayne) – Debbie and Wayne will work on a system to attach a sticker on boats launched into the lake indicating that the boats have been inspected (and washed if necessary); Debbie, Wayne, and Jim will work on a boater safety pamphlet to be given to boaters, motel guests, camp renters, etc.
13. Water Quality Monitoring Buoy at Five Mile Point (Kiyoko)– Kiyoko has received word that her \$69,000 grant application to the National Science Foundation has been awarded and will allow an upgraded buoy to be a fully automated system to monitor a dozen parameters simultaneously – not just temperature and light; Kiyoko would like the new buoy located in the middle of the lake off Five Mile Point (deepest point in the lake) but the Otsego County Sheriff's Department staff is resisting the location due to potential boater safety issues; Kiyoko, Martin, Jim and Paul will request a meeting with Sheriff Devlin to resolve the issues; a portion (\$2,723) of the \$7,105 NYS Water Resources Institute Grant that Kiyoko and Paul were awarded will fund supplies to deploy and maintain the automated buoy.
14. Update on Hickory Grove Project (Mickie) – Nothing new to report.
15. Update on Sediment Run-Off at Bissell Property (Amanda) – Amanda passed out copies of a statement that she and her husband submitted to the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals regarding a recent building erected on the Bissell property; the ZBA has ruled that the building must be removed; sediment continues to run off into the lake from the Bissell property; NYSDEC does not seem to have any interest in the situation although Paul has mentioned to them about the impact to the fish and the spawning area.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

16. Proposed Electric/Solar Boat Cruises (Scottie) - Scottie presented information from the Town Planning Board regarding an electric/solar boat cruise business proposed by Michele Barry on the westerly side of the lake about ½ mile north of Five Mile Point.

17. Earth Festival (Mickie) – Earth Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Milford Central School; OLA will participate; volunteers needed to man the table in 2 hour intervals; **MMSP** for \$100.00 for sponsorship at lowest level.
18. NYS Federation of Lake Associations – Annual conference is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in Hamilton NY with a new format (no Sunday sessions); **MMSP** for \$150.00 for annual dues plus reimbursement for registration fees and meals (but no lodging or mileage expenses) for BOD members who attend.
19. Date for Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 4:00 PM at Tillapaugh Funeral Home in Cooperstown.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Wayne Bunn  
Secretary and Director at Large

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